

Appl. No. 10/615,638
Amendment dated November 10, 2005
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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 6 as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A wine rack for attachment to a wall, comprising:
a first frame element for attachment to the wall;
a first support member having a fixed end and a free end, the fixed end of the first support member attached to the first frame element, the first support member extending substantially perpendicularly from the first frame element, the first support member having a recess portion for supporting a first portion of a wine bottle;
a second frame element for attachment to a wall, the second frame element in a substantially parallel relationship with the first frame element; and
a second support member having a fixed end and a free end, the fixed end of the second support member attached to the second frame element, the second support member extending substantially perpendicularly from the second frame element, the second support member having a recess portion for supporting a second portion of the wine bottle,
the recess portion of the second support member being larger than the recess portion of the first support member,
the first and second support members supporting being configured to support the wine bottle in a substantially parallel relation to the wall.
2. (Currently amended) The wine rack of claim 1,
wherein the first support ~~element~~ member further comprises a second recess portion for supporting a first portion of a second wine bottle; and
wherein the second support ~~element~~ member further comprises a second recess portion for supporting a second portion of a second wine bottle.
3. (Currently amended) The wine rack of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2,
wherein the first support ~~element~~ member further comprises a third recess portion for supporting a first portion of a third wine bottle; and
wherein the second support ~~element~~ member further comprises a third recess portion for supporting a second portion of a third wine bottle.

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4. (original) The wine rack of claim 3, wherein the first, second and third frame elements are steel rods.

5. (original) The wine rack of claim 4, wherein the first and second frame elements are positioned in a parallel relation to each other.

6. (Currently amended) A wine rack for mounting on a wall surface, comprising:
a first pair of support members including a first and a second support member configured to support for supporting at least a first and a second wine bottle in a first horizontal row and in a substantially parallel relation to the wall surface, [[each]] the first support member of said first pair of support members having a first recess for supporting a portion of the first wine bottle and a second recess for supporting a portion of the second wine bottle, the second support member having a first recess for supporting a portion of the first wine bottle and a second recess for supporting a portion of the second wine bottle,

wherein the first recess of the first support member is smaller than the first recess of the second support member, wherein the second recess of the first support member is smaller than the second recess of the second support member, wherein the second bottle is positionable proximate the wall surface, and wherein the label of the first wine bottle is visible to a person standing in front of the wine rack; and

a second pair of support members including a third and a fourth support member configured to support for supporting at least a third and a fourth wine bottle in a second horizontal row and in a substantially parallel relation to the wall surface, [[each]] the third support member of said second pair of support members having a first recess for supporting a portion of the third wine bottle and a second recess for supporting a portion of the fourth wine bottle, the fourth support member having a first recess for supporting a portion of the third wine bottle and a second recess for supporting a portion of the fourth wine bottle,

wherein the first recess of the third support member is smaller than the first recess of the fourth support member, wherein the second recess of the third support member is smaller than the second recess of the fourth support member, wherein the fourth bottle is positionable proximate the wall surface, and wherein the label of the third wine bottle is visible to the person standing in front of the wine rack.

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7. (Previously presented) The wine rack of claim 6, wherein the first pair of support members extends perpendicularly relative to the wall surface.

8. (Previously presented) The wine rack of claim 6, wherein the second pair of support members extends perpendicularly relative to the wall surface.